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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 2851

684,2728

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

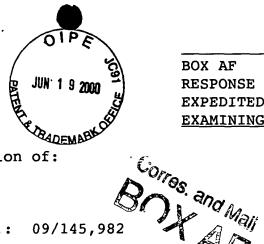
In re Application of: Examiner: H. Nguyen TOMOHARU HASE Group Art Unit: Appln. No.: 09/145,982 Filed: September 3, 1998 June 19, 2000 For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD INCLUDING GAS PURGING OF A SPACE CONTAINING OPTICAL COMPONENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX AF Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 1999, the time for response to which having been extended for three months to April 20, 2000 by the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and further extended two months to June 19,



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Date:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the aboveidentified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|--|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 17 | MINUS | 20 | = 0 | x \$ 9 \$18 | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. | 8 | MINUS | 8 | = 0 | x \$39 \$78 | \$ 0.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$130°/\$260 | | | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL ADDIT | | | \$ 0.00 |

| | °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. |
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| | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. |
| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Extension fee for response within months is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. |
| x | Applicant's attorney, Steven E. Warner, may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Attorney for Applicant Jack S. Cubert Registration No. 24,245 |
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